

The City of Batam and the City of Yokohama concluded a Letter of Intent on technical cooperation

-The first project of the Y-PORT Center has been launched in Batam-

The City of Batam, Republic of Indonesia and the City of Yokohama concluded a Letter of Intent on technical cooperation for sustainable urban development in Batam.

The newly-established "Y-PORT Center" has launched a project for developing JCM (Joint Crediting Mechanism) projects for greenhouse gas reduction in Batam with the urban development expertise of Yokohama and cutting-edge technologies of Yokohama-based private companies, under Y-PORT projects (Yokohama Partnership of Resources and Technologies, which is an international technical cooperation based on public-private partnership that harnesses Yokohama's technology and know-how to contribute to the development of countries throughout the world).

Content of LOI

- 1 Signed on : Wednesday, May 27th, 2015
- 2 Signatories : Dr. Ahmad Dahlan, Mayor of Batam
Ms. Fumiko Hayashi, Mayor of Yokohama

- 3 Content of cooperation :

The following four mutual cooperation areas will be promoted to stimulate economic activities of both cities through ecological and sustainable urban development in Batam.



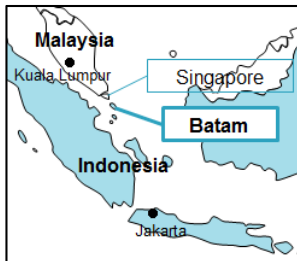
1. The City of Yokohama will offer technical advice in promoting the eco-city development of the City of Batam.
2. The parties will encourage participation of the private sector and academic organizations.
3. The parties will take action to obtain cooperation of the governments of both countries and international organizations.
4. The parties will mutually provide information essential to implementing the above collaboration effectively.

Background of LOI

- 1 The City of Batam requested technical cooperation on urban development mainly about solid waste management to the City of Yokohama in May 2014.
- 2 It is estimated that Batam will face rapid population expansion from about 1.2 million to 2.8 million in the coming twenty years. To tackle issues caused by rapid urbanization in Batam, it was confirmed that Yokohama's experience and know-how of urban development and environmental technologies of Yokohama-based private companies would be quite useful.
- 3 "Y-PORT Center" has launched a project for making business matching opportunities between low-carbon technologies of Yokohama-based private companies and the public and private sectors of Batam. Under this cooperative framework based on the LOI, both cities will promote the projects in Batam by encouraging the participation of international organizations and private sector in both cities.

About Batam, Republic of Indonesia

- Batam has a population of 1.2 million with an area of 715 km² (Yokohama :435 km²). Batam has been attracting attention as a business hub because of its location which is only 20 km away from Singapore (approx. an hour by ferry).
- Since Batam received authorization to operate as a free trade zone from the Indonesian government, import duties and valued-added tax on exports are exempted.
- There are 22 industrial estates including foreign tenants from Singapore and other areas, and Batam has an influx of workforce. Many Japanese-affiliated companies such as manufacturing plants of electronic components have expanded activities to Batam. The City of Batam keeps on growing together with the development of neighboring economies, which is similar to how the City of Yokohama has been growing together with Tokyo.
- With the growing population and economic development, there is stronger need for infrastructure development such as solid waste management, waste water treatment and public transportation due to the development of industries and urban activities.



Location of Batam



Batam City Hall

The research for greenhouse gas reduction in Batam

Title of research : Project for Developing JCM projects under city-to-city collaboration between Yokohama city and Batam city (Ministry of Environment)

The parties : Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), PACIFIC CONSULTANTS CO., LTD., City of Yokohama (Y-PORT Center)

Purpose : To promote JCM (Joint Crediting Mechanism) project in Batam in solid waste management, waste water management, energy efficiency, renewable energy, transportation and other sectors.

Private Company : A low-carbon technology mission will be sent to Batam in August 2015.



Kickoff meetings at Batam City Hall (left) and Batam Free Zone Authority (right) in April 2015.